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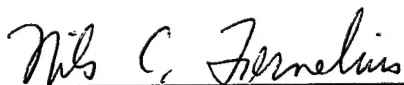
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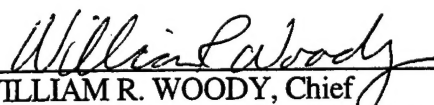
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# **PUBLISHED NONLINEAR OPTICAL USES OF ZINC GERMANIUM DIPHOSPHIDE**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

Currently the crystal of choice for optical parametric oscillators (OPO) operating in the 3-5  $\mu\text{m}$  atmospheric window range is zinc germanium diphosphide (ZGP). The OPO is usually pumped by a holmium laser operating around 2  $\mu\text{m}$ . Several factors delayed the common usage of ZGP in nonlinear optical (NLO) devices. First there was the problem of obtaining crack free crystals. The other serious problem, still not completely resolved, is a native defect optical absorption shoulder on the short wavelength side of the transparency window which extends beyond 2  $\mu\text{m}$ . This degrades high power operation when using a 2  $\mu\text{m}$  pump.

The first NLO uses of ZGP were demonstrated at Bell Labs in 1971 as a result of the interaction of the NLO group with the ternary semiconductor group. Most of the work entailed sum and difference frequency generation (SFG) & (DFG) plus one second harmonic generation (SHG) paper. There were five papers by G.D. Boyd et al. in 1971-1972. The work was summarized in an Avionics Lab tech report by Nichols, Corbin and Donlan in 1974. Due to reorganizations, both civilian and military, work in the area ceased. For almost the next 20 years, all research on this material was done in the Soviet Union. In the last few years, NLO ZGP work in the West has been revived.

This work will try to summarize the literature in three categories: early American, Russian, and recent Western work. Each category consists of a list of papers, the affiliation of the authors and a capsule summary of the work. The following were grouped in the Russian section: the paper by Churnside et al. since it was performed on a crystal brought from Russia when Gribenyukov was on sabbatical, some later work of Gopal Bhar even though it was performed in India, and the work of Vodopyanov after he started working at Imperial College, London.

Gopal Bhar did some significant work which does not fit in the above categories. Initially he published a number of papers obtaining Sellmeier equations by reanalyzing Boyd's data. From this he published a number of SHG and OPO tuning curves including temperature dependences. These papers will be listed in the general bibliography combining all categories.

## EARLY AMERICAN WORK

**A1** - G.D. Boyd, E. Buehler & F.G. Storz, Bell Telephone Laboratories, Murray Hill,  
New Jersey

Linear and nonlinear optical properties of  $\text{ZnGeP}_2$  and  $\text{CdSe}$   
Appl. Phys. Lett. **18** 301-304 (1971)

measures  $n_o$ ,  $n_e$ ,  $dn_o/dT$ ,  $dn_e/dT$

shows three-frequency phase matching plots for  $\theta_m = 90^\circ, 74^\circ, 66^\circ, 60^\circ$

**A2** - G.D. Boyd, W.B. Gandrud & E. Buehler, BTL  
Phase-matched up conversion of  $10.6\text{-}\mu$  radiation in  $\text{ZnGeP}_2$   
Appl. Phys. Lett. **18** 446-448 (1971)

Sum frequency generation (SFG):  $10.6$  &  $1.06\text{ }\mu\text{m}$

Experimental:  $\theta_m = 84^\circ$ ,  $d\theta_m/dT = -0.007\text{ deg}/^\circ\text{C}$

crystal length =  $1\text{ cm}$

**A3** - G.D. Boyd, T.J. Bridges, C.K.N. Patel & E. Buehler, BTL  
Phase-matched submillimeter wave generation by difference-frequency mixing in  
 $\text{ZnGeP}_2$

Appl. Phys. Lett. **21** 553-555 (1972)

Difference frequency generation (DFG) using two step-tunable  $\text{CO}_2$  lasers

Phase-matched outputs between  $70\text{ cm}^{-1}$  ( $143\mu\text{m}$ ) and  $110\text{ cm}^{-1}$  ( $91\mu\text{m}$ )

**A4** - Elgene R. Nichols, John C. Corbin, Jr. and Vincent L. Donlan  
Avionics & Materials Laboratories, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio  
A Review of Parametric Oscillators and Mixers and an Evaluation of Materials for  $2\text{-}6\mu\text{m}$  Applications

Air Force Avionics Laboratory Tech Report

AFAL-TR-74-161, July, 1974

gain/watt  $1\text{cm}$  long crystal vs output wavelength plots for pump wavelengths  $1.06$ ,  $1.3$ ,  $1.83$ , and  $2.1\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ . pp.22-24

Optical parametric oscillator (OPO) performance for  $\lambda_{\text{pump}} = 1.06$ ,  $1.3$  and  $2.10\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ .  
pp. 30-34

**A5** - J.L. Shay & J.H. Wernick **Ternary Chalcopyrite Semiconductors: Growth, Electronic Properties, and Applications**, Pergamon Press, Oxford, 1975

Chapter 6 - Nonlinear Optical Applications pp. 153-174

## RUSSIAN USE OF ZnGeP<sub>2</sub> IN NLO

**R1** - N.P. Andreeva, S.A. Andreev, I.N. Matveev, S.M. Pshenichnikov & N.D. Ustinov  
Parametric conversion of infrared radiation in zinc germanium diphosphide

Sov.J. Quantum Electron. **9** 208-210 (1979)

Russian reference: Kvantovaya Elektron. (Moscow) **6** 357-359 (1979)

Use as PARAMETRIC CONVERTER output @ 960 nm

### PUMP CHARACTERISTICS:

Nd:YAG (1.06  $\mu$ )  $\tau = 30$  ns power density = 3 MW/cm<sup>2</sup> rep rate = 12.5 Hz

Laser @ 3 MW/cm<sup>2</sup> no damage seen over 30 min

@ 20 MW/cm<sup>2</sup> damage after 5-10 pulses

CO<sub>2</sub> Laser (10.6  $\mu$ ) CW power ~ 1 W

@ 10 W/cm<sup>2</sup> no damage over 3-4 cycles of 30 min

CRYSTAL: single crystal ZnZGeP<sub>2</sub> working faces polished

thickness 3 mm

$\Theta_{pm} = 82.5^\circ$

$\alpha(960\text{nm}) = 10 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

$\alpha(1.06 \mu) = 8 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

$\alpha(10.6 \mu) = 2 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

**R2** - Yu.M. Andreev, V.G. Voevodin, A.I. Gribenyukov, O.Ya. Zyryanov, I.I. Ippolitov,  
A.N. Morozov, A.V. Sosnin & G.S. Khmel'nitskii

Institute of Atmospheric Optics, Tomsk

Efficient generation of the second harmonic of tunable CO<sub>2</sub> laser radiation in ZnGeP<sub>2</sub>

Sov. J. Quantum Electron. **14** 1021-1022 (1984)

Russian reference: Kvantovaya Elektron. (Moscow) **11**,1511-1512 (August 1984)

### SHG of CO<sub>2</sub>

PUMP CHARACTERISTICS: CW and pulsed rep rate 1.5 kHz  $\tau = 0.1$ -10 ms

average power in TEM<sub>00</sub> was 0.5 - 5 W depending on transition

damage threshold 60-65 MW/cm<sup>2</sup> @  $\lambda = 10.6 \mu$

no damage observed for CW of 1 kW/cm<sup>2</sup>

best pulsed power conversion efficiency, 5%, was @0.6kW pump

CRYSTAL: Bridgman mechanical & chemodynamic polishing

no AR coatings

$\alpha(2.5\text{-}12\mu)$  less than 0.1 cm<sup>-1</sup>

in 8.5-9.45  $\mu$  and  $\lambda > 10.6 \mu$  have phonon absorption

cross section area ~ 3 cm<sup>2</sup>  $\Theta = 76^\circ$

**R3** - Yu.M. Andreev, T.V. Vedernikova, A.A. Betin, V.G. Voevodin, A.I. Gribenyukov,  
O.Ya. Zyryanov, I.I. Ippolitov, V.I. Masychev, O.V. Mitropol'skii, V.P. Novikov, M.A.

Novikov & A.V. Sosin Inst. Atmosph. Optics, Tomsk

Conversion of CO<sub>2</sub> and CO laser radiations in a ZnGeP<sub>2</sub> crystal to the 2.3-3.1  $\mu$   
spectral range Sov.J. Quantum Electron. **15** 1014-1015 (1985)

Russian ref.: Kvantovaya Elektron. **12** 1535-1537 (July 1985)

4th harmonic of CO<sub>2</sub> efficiency ~ 0.1 % should get to 20%  
2nd harmonic of CO " (0.0025-0.010)%

**PUMP CHARACTERISTICS:**

TEA CO<sub>2</sub>  $\tau \sim 170$  ns energy 200 mJ/pulse  
first 2nd harmonic type I ee  $\rightarrow$  o ZnGeP<sub>2</sub> in oven efficiency ~ 2%  
energy 4 - 10 mJ

second 2nd harmonic crystal 5 mm  $\Theta = 48^\circ 54'$   $\varphi = 0^\circ 25'$   
4th harmonic at least 0.2 mJ efficiency ~ 0.1%

$\alpha(2-12\mu) \sim 2$  cm<sup>-1</sup>

CO SHG output power 8.5 W strongest line 0.8W SH 2  $\mu$ W

$\alpha(2.8\mu) \sim 2.8$  cm<sup>-1</sup>

$\alpha(5\mu) \sim 3.8$  cm<sup>-1</sup>

CW CO @ 10 kW/cm<sup>2</sup> for 6 hours showed no sign of damage

**R4** - K.L. Vodop'yanov, V.G. Voevodin, A.I. Gribenyukov, & L.A. Kulevskii  
Institute of General Physics, Moscow

Picosecond parametric superluminescence in the ZnGeP<sub>2</sub> crystal  
Bulletin of the Academy of Sciences of the USSR, Physical Series **49** 146-149 (1985)

Russian reference:

Izvestiya Akademii Nauk SSSR, Seriya Fizicheskaya **49** 569-572 (1985)

use as OPO

**PUMP CHARACTERISTICS:**

Erbium laser (2.94  $\mu$ m) train of 25 pulses,  $t = 80$  ps, rep rate 1 Hz,  
total energy in train of 10-15 mJ

**ZnGeP<sub>2</sub> CRYSTAL:**

single crystal by Bridgman

$\alpha$  did not exceed 0.2 cm<sup>-1</sup> for  $\lambda = 2.5-8.5$   $\mu$ m

in three-phonon absorption band (8.3-9.5  $\mu$ m)  $\alpha = 0.3$  cm<sup>-1</sup> ( $\lambda = 8.8$   $\mu$ m)

calculate o-ee and o-eo tuning curves

experiment o-eo :  $\Theta = 84.5^\circ-79.3^\circ$  covering  $\lambda = 5.51-5.38$  &  $6.29-6.46$   $\mu$ m

Crystal 42 mm long cut at an angle of  $64^\circ$

max pump intensity  $4 \times 10^9$  W cm<sup>-1</sup>

**R5** - L.I. Andreeva, K.L. Vodop'yanov, S.A. Kaidalov, Yu.M. Kalinin, M.E. Karasev, L.A. Kulevskii & A.V. Lukashev  
Institute of General Physics, Moscow

Picosecond erbium-doped YAG laser ( $\lambda = 2.94$   $\mu$ m) with active mode locking

Sov.J. Quantum Electron. **16** 326-333 (1986)

Russian Ref.: Kvantovaya Elektron. **13** 499-509 (March 1986)

use as OPO with ZnGeP<sub>2</sub>



**PUMP CHARACTERISTICS:**  $\text{Y}_3\text{Al}_5\text{O}_{12}:\text{Er}^{3+}$   $\lambda = 2.94 \mu\text{m}$  rep rate 1-1.5 Hz  
 generated train with energy 12 mJ of 25 pulses with energy 0.5 mJ (+/- 3%) per spike and 40+/-10 ps duration at 4th harmonic  
 pulse separation 6.7 ns FWHM envelope 160 ns

**CRYSTAL** optic axis to  $\perp$  at end surface was  $84^\circ$   
 the polar angle was  $\varphi = 45^\circ$  o-eo interaction  
 signal  $\lambda = 6.3 \mu\text{m}$  idler  $\lambda = 5.5 \mu\text{m}$

**R6 -** V.E. Zuev, Yu.M. Andreev, V.G. Voevodin, A.I. Gribenyukov, V.A. Kapitanov, A.V. Sosnin, G.A. Stuchebrov, & G.S. Khelnitskii

Institute of Atmospheric Optics, Tomsk

Multifrequency dial sensing of the atmospheric gaseous constituents using the first and second harmonics of a tunable  $\text{CO}_2$  laser radiation  
 Proceedings 13th International Laser Radar Conference, Toronto, Canada 1986,  
 NASA Conference Publication **2413** 108-110 (1986)

SHG of  $\text{CO}_2$

**PUMP CHARACTERISTICS:** 16  $\text{CO}_2$  wavelengths from R14 to R32  
 60 MW/cm<sup>2</sup> for 200 ns pulses  
 200 kW/cm<sup>2</sup> for CW

**CRYSTAL:** 10 x 20 mm cross section  
 3-10 mm thickness with polished ends

**R7 -** Yu.M. Andreev, V.G. Voevodin, A.I. Gribenyukov, & V.P. Novikov  
 Institute for Applied Physics, Gorki

Mixing of frequencies of  $\text{CO}_2$  and CO lasers in  $\text{ZnGeP}_2$  crystals  
 Sov.J. Quantum Electron. **17** 748-749 (1987)  
 Russian ref: Kvantovaya Elektronika **14** 1177-1178 (June,1987)

Summed CO and  $\text{CO}_2$

**PUMPS:**  $\text{CO}_2$  5.7 W CO 4.7 W

**CRYSTALS:**

Length mm	$\Theta_{\text{pm}}$ normal incidence $^\circ$	Azimuthal angle $^\circ$	Absorption coefficient			Damage threshold	
			@ $\text{CO}_2$ in cm <sup>-1</sup>	CO	$\text{CO}_2+\text{CO}$	$\text{CO}_2$	CO
3.1	48	0	0.83	0.32	0.41	200	250
8.0	90	45	0.46	0.1	0.2		

damage threshold for pulsed  $\text{CO}_2$  60 MW/cm<sup>2</sup> for 200 ns pulses

**R8 -** Yu.M. Andreev, A.D. Belykh, V.G. Voevodin, P.P. Geiko, A.I. Gribenyukov, V.A. Gurashvili & S.V. Izyumov Inst. Atmospheric Optics, Tomsk

Doubling of the emission of CO lasers with an efficiency of 3 %.  
 Sov.J. Quantum Electron. **17** 490-491 (1987)  
 Russian ref.: Kvantovaya Elektron. **14** 782-783 (April 1987)

SHG of CO

**PUMP:** CO Q-switched energy per pulse 2 mJ @ 10 Hz; 0.6 mJ @ 100 Hz  
 0.1 mJ @ 200 Hz

CRYSTAL 7 mm long  $\Theta = 47^\circ 30'$   $\phi = 0$  chemodynamic polish, no AR  
maximum external efficiency of whole SHG system 3.2%

**R9** - Yu.M. Andreev, A.I. Gribenyukov, V.V. Zuev, N.V. Karlov, V.D. Karyshev, A.V. Kisletsov, I.O. Kovalev, A.V. Korablev, G.P. Kuz'min, L.A. Kulevskii & A.A. Nesterenko  
Institute of General Physics, Moscow  
Second-harmonic generation in ZnGeP<sub>2</sub> pumped by a continuously tunable CO<sub>2</sub> laser  
Sov. Tech. Phys. Lett. **13** 595-596 (1987).  
Russian ref.: Pis'ma v Zhurnal Tekhnicheskoi Fiziki **13** 1423-1426  
(12 Dec 1987)

SHG of CO<sub>2</sub>

PUMP CHARACTERISTICS:

could tune CO<sub>2</sub> over 9.19-9.7  $\mu$ m & 10.15-10.8  $\mu$ m  
linearly polarized 15-70 mJ, pulse length FWHM  $\sim$  50 ns  
achieved doubled tuning over 5.15-5.11, 4.80-4.73, 4.65-4.61  $\mu$ m

CRYSTAL:

4.4 mm thick  $\theta = 76^\circ$   $\phi = 0^\circ$   $\alpha = 2.1$  cm<sup>-1</sup>  
spot 1.5 mm diameter, surface damage above 65 mJ or  $\sim$  4 J/cm<sup>2</sup>

**R10** - K.L. Vodop'yanov, V.G. Voevodin, A.I. Gribenyukov & L.A. Kulevskii  
High-efficiency picosecond parametric superradiance emitted by a ZnGeP<sub>2</sub> crystal in  
the 5-6.3  $\mu$  range Inst. of General Physics, Moscow  
Sov.J. Quantum Electron. **17** 1159-1161 (1987)  
Russian ref: Kvantovaia Elektronika **14** 1815-1819 (Sept. 1987)

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PUMP CHARACTERISTICS:

Er<sup>3+</sup>:Cr<sup>3+</sup>:YSGG yttrium scandium gallium garnet  $\lambda = 2.79$   $\mu$ m  
 $\tau = 150$  ps  $\pm$  25 rep rate 1 Hz up to 2 mJ/spike  
laser spot  $\sim$  0.1 mm diameter (area = 0.00017 cm<sup>2</sup>)

CRYSTAL:

Bridgman  $\alpha$  in range 2.8-8.3  $\mu$  did not exceed 0.1 cm<sup>-1</sup>  
no AR coatings Type II o $\rightarrow$ eo  $\theta = 84^\circ$   $\lambda_1 = 5.96$   $\mu$ m,  $\lambda_2 = 5.25$   $\mu$ m  
for  $I_p > 7.8$  GW/cm<sup>2</sup> efficiency of conversion 16%  
for  $I_p = 16$  GW/cm<sup>2</sup>, efficiency 17.6%  
surface damage threshold 30 GW/cm<sup>2</sup>  
vary  $\theta$  76-90 $^\circ$ , output 5-5.3, 5.9-6.3  $\mu$ m with quantum efficiency 17%,  
output power  $\sim$  1 MW

**R11** - Yu.M. Andreev, V.G. Voevodin, P.P. Geiko, A.I. Gribenyukov, V.V. Zuev, A.S. Solodukhin, S.A. Trushin, V.V. Churakov & S.F. Shubin  
Inst. Atmospheric Optics, Tomsk  
Transformation of the frequencies of nontraditional (4.3 and 10.4  $\mu$ m) CO<sub>2</sub> laser  
radiation bands in ZnGeP<sub>2</sub> Sov.J. Quantum Electron. **17** 1362-3 (1987)  
Russian Russian ref: Kvantovaia Elektronika **14** 2137-2138 (Nov. 1987)

SHG 4.3  $\mu\text{m}$  + SFG with 10.4  $\mu\text{m}$

**PUMP CHARACTERISTICS:**

average power of 4.3 $\mu\text{m}$  band did not exceed 10 mW

**CRYSTAL:** ZnGeP<sub>2</sub> Type I interactions 7-13 mm thick

cut at angles  $\theta = 53^\circ$  &  $48.5^\circ$   $\phi = 0$

best results from crystal 7mm length with  $\theta = 47^\circ 30'$  and  $\phi = 0$

AR coating gave transmission up to 87.5% @  $\lambda = 4.3\mu$ ; 73% @ 10.4 $\mu$

measured SH phase-matching angle  $55^\circ 50'$

**R12** - Yu.M. Andreev, V.Yu. Baranov, V.G. Voevodin, P.P. Geiko, A.I. Gribenyukov, S.V. Izyumov, S.M. Kozochin, V.D. Pis'mennyi, Yu.A. Satov & A.P. Strel'tsov

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Efficient generation of the second harmonic of a nanosecond CO<sub>2</sub> laser radiation pulse  
Sov.J.Quantum Electron. **17** 1435-1436 (1987)

Russian Ref.: Kvantovaya Elektronika **14** 2252- 2254 (Nov. 1987)

SHG of CO<sub>2</sub>

**PUMP CHARACTERISTICS:** CO<sub>2</sub> 2 ns pulse 9.52  $\mu\text{m}$

**CRYSTAL:** type I conversion

second harmonic generator:  $\Theta = 76^\circ$ ,  $\phi = 0$  length 3 mm

fourth harmonic generator:  $\Theta = 47^\circ$ ,  $\phi = 0$  length 10 mm both

crystals chemodynamic polished, no AR coating

$\alpha$  did not exceed 0.1 cm<sup>-1</sup> from 2.5-8  $\mu\text{m}$

calculation showed that that length of 3mm optimal for 1 GW/cm<sup>2</sup>

damage threshold for fresh surface 2.5 J/cm<sup>2</sup>

**R13** - Yu.M. Andreev, P.P. Geiko, V.V. Zuev, V.E. Zuev, O.A. Romanovskii, & S.F. Shubin  
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Advances in Gas-Analyzers Based on IR Molecular Lasers

**Laser & Optical Remote Sensing:** Instrumentation & Techniques, 28 Sept.- 1 Oct. 1987, North Falmouth, MA pp 152-155

SHG & sum frequency addition of CO<sub>2</sub> lines can cover much of the 2-5 and 8-12  $\mu\text{m}$  part of the spectrum

**R14** - Yu.M. Andreev, V.G. Voevodin, P.P. Geiko, A.I. Gribenyukov, V.V. Zuev, V.E. Zuev  
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Effective source of coherent radiation based on CO<sub>2</sub> lasers and ZnGeP<sub>2</sub> frequency converters  
**Laser & Optical Remote Sensing:** Instrumentation & Techniques, 28 Sept.- 1 Oct. 1987 North Falmouth, MA, Optical Society of America 1987 Technical Digest Series, Vol. 18, pp. 300-303

SHG, FHG, SFG with CO<sub>2</sub> & CO  
chart of parameters of frequency converters

	Laser	$\lambda$ in $\mu\text{m}$	W/cm <sup>2</sup>	$\tau$ in s
SHG	CO <sub>2</sub>	9.23	10 <sup>9</sup>	2 10 <sup>-9</sup>
	CO <sub>2</sub>	10 $\mu\text{m}$ band	10 <sup>9</sup>	2 10 <sup>-9</sup>
	SH CO <sub>2</sub>	4.64	0.3 10 <sup>9</sup>	2 10 <sup>-9</sup>
	CO <sub>2</sub>	9.2...10.8	6 10 <sup>7</sup>	1.7...2 10 <sup>-7</sup>
	CO <sub>2</sub>	9.2...10.8	0.5...1 10 <sup>6</sup>	10 <sup>-4</sup> ...10 <sup>-2</sup>
	CO <sub>2</sub>	4.3 $\mu\text{m}$ band	-	1.5...3.3 10 <sup>-7</sup>
	CO <sub>2</sub>	9.2...10.8	2 10 <sup>5</sup>	CW
	CO	5.3...6.1	-	4.5 10 <sup>-5</sup>
	CO	5.3...6.1	2.5 10 <sup>5</sup>	CW
FHG	CO <sub>2</sub>	9.23	1 & 0.3 10 <sup>9</sup>	2 10 <sup>-9</sup>
	CO <sub>2</sub>	9.2...10.6	6 10 <sup>7</sup>	1.7...2 10 <sup>-7</sup>
SFG	CO <sub>2</sub>	4.3 & 10.4	-	1.5...3 10 <sup>-7</sup> & 6 10 <sup>-7</sup>
	CO &	5.3...6.1 &	2 10 <sup>5</sup>	
	CO <sub>2</sub>	9.2...10.8		
	CO:CO <sub>2</sub>	5.3...6.1 & 9.2...10.6	10 <sup>6</sup>	5 10 <sup>-5</sup>

CRYSTAL: boules 20-25 mm diameter X 150 mm length  
crystal lengths, 3 mm, 7 - 10.5 mm.

**R15.** - Yu.M. Andreev, V.G. Voevodin, A.I. Gribenyukov, V.N. Davydov, V.I. Zhuravlev, V.A. Kapitanov, T.D. Lezina, G.A. Struchebrov, and G.S. Khmel'nitskii  
Inst. Atmospheric Optics, Tomsk  
Beam-path gas analyzer based on a tunable CO<sub>2</sub> laser with frequency doubling  
J. Applied Spectroscopy **47**(1) 662-666 (Jan.1988)  
Russian ref.: Zhurnal Prikladnoi Spektroskopii **47**(1) 15-20 (July, 1987)

SHG with CO<sub>2</sub>

CO<sub>2</sub> LASER: Tuning range 9.2-10.8  $\mu\text{m}$

Maximum power 50 W

Pulse rep rate up to 1500 Hz

Pulse duration 0.1-10 msec

CRYSTAL: Size 3.6 x 10 X 20 mm

Working temperature of crystal 20-160 °C

Wavelength range of SHG 4.6-5.4  $\mu\text{m}$

**R16** - V.E. Zuev

Inst. Atmospheric Optics, Tomsk

Spectroscopic studies of laser sounding of the atmosphere

International Laser Radar Conference, Innichen-San Candido, Italy, 20-24 June 1988

pp.119-121

describes system where ZGP is used as OPO, SHG, & SFG with CO<sub>2</sub> & CO pumps

CRYSTAL: sizes up to 20-25 mm diameter & up to 150 mm length

**R17** - Yu.M. Andreev, P.P. Geiko, V.V. Zuev, O.A. Romanovskii & S.F. Shubin  
Inst. Atmospheric Optics, Tomsk

Control of gas pollution of air medium with the aid of CO<sub>2</sub> and CO lasers equipped with frequency converters

XIII International Conference on Coherent & Nonlinear Optics, Minsk, 6-9 Sept 1988, Part II, Sections IX-XVI, pp. 221-222

SHG & SFG of CO<sub>2</sub>

LASER: rep rate 100Hz  
pulse length 100 ms  
Peak power 150 W  
peak power of second harmonic 10 mW

**R18** - Yu.M. Andreev, P.P. Geiko & V.V. Zuev

High-efficiency frequency conversion of IR lasers with ZnGeP<sub>2</sub> and CdGeAs<sub>2</sub>  
IAO, Tomsk

**Advances in Laser Science III.** Third International Laser Science Conference  
Atlantic City, NJ 1-4 Nov. 1987 AIP Conference Proceedings **172** 190-2 (1988), eds.  
Andrew C. Tam, James L. Gole & William C. Stwalley  
Results on ZnGeP<sub>2</sub>

FC type	Laser	$\lambda$ in $\mu\text{m}$	$\tau$ in s
SHG	CO <sub>2</sub>	9.28	2 10 <sup>-9</sup>
	SH CO <sub>2</sub>	4.64	1.5 10 <sup>-9</sup>
	CO <sub>2</sub>	9.2-10.8	2 10 <sup>-7</sup>
	CO	5.3-6.1	4 10 <sup>-5</sup>
	CO	4.3	3.3 10 <sup>-7</sup>
FHG	CO <sub>2</sub>	9.28	2 10 <sup>-9</sup>
SFG	CO <sub>2</sub>	4.3	3 10 <sup>-7</sup>
		10.4	6 10 <sup>-7</sup>
	CO & CO <sub>2</sub>	5.3-6.1 10.6	CW CW

CRYSTAL: boules 20-25 mm diameter, up to 150 mm length

**R19** - Yu.M. Andreev, P.P. Geiko, V.V. Zuev, O.A. Romanovskii IAO, Tomsk

Gas Analysis Using CO<sub>2</sub> Laser Frequency Converters

**Advances in Laser Science III.** Third International Laser Science Conference  
Atlantic City, NJ 1-4 Nov. 1987 AIP Conference Proceedings **172** 193-5 (1988), eds.  
Andrew C. Tam, James L. Gole & William C. Stwalley

SHG & SFG of CO<sub>2</sub> & CO lasers using ZGP & TAS  
frequency doubled 10.3  $\mu\text{m}$  by heating ZGP above 100°C

**R20** - V.E. Zuev, M.V. Kabanov, Yu.M. Andreev, V.G. Voevodin, P.P. Geiko, A.I.

Gribenyukov, V.V. Zuev Atmospheric Optics Inst., Tomsk

Applications of efficient parametric IR-laser frequency converters

Bull. Academy Sci., USSR, Physical Sciences **52** 87-92 (1988)

Russian ref.: Izvestiya Akademii Nauk SSSR, Seriya Fizicheskaya **52**(6) 1142-1148 (1988)

plot of efficiency vs. crystal length

CRYSTALS: 20-25 mm diameter X up to 150 mm long

Results for ZnGeP<sub>2</sub> crystal

Form	Laser	$\lambda$ in $\mu\text{m}$	$\tau$ in sec
SHG	CO <sub>2</sub>	9.28	$2 \cdot 10^{-9}$
	CO <sub>2</sub>	10.2-10.3	
	SH CO <sub>2</sub>	4.64	$1.5 \cdot 10^{-9}$
	CO <sub>2</sub>	9.2-10.8	$2 \cdot 10^{-7}$
	CO	5.3-6.1	$4 \cdot 10^{-5}$
	CO <sub>2</sub>	4.3	$3.3 \cdot 10^{-7}$
FHG	CO <sub>2</sub>	9.28	$2 \cdot 10^{-9}$
SFG	CO <sub>2</sub>	4.3	$3 \cdot 10^{-9}$
		10.4	$6 \cdot 10^{-7}$
	CO &	4.3	$3 \cdot 10^{-7}$
	CO <sub>2</sub>	10.4	$6 \cdot 10^{-7}$

**R21** - G.C. Bhar, S. Das, U. Chatterjee, & K.L. Vodopyanov

Burdwan U., India & Gen.Phys. Inst., Moscow

Temperature-tunable second-harmonic generation in zinc germanium diphosphide  
Appl.Phys.Lett. **54** 313-314 (1989)

SHG of CO<sub>2</sub>

CRYSTAL:

$\alpha(3-8\mu\text{m})$  less than  $0.2 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  size 2.5 cm diameter, 15 cm length  
type I phase match with  $48^\circ$  cut  $9.18-9.6\mu\text{m}$  doubled varying phase  
match angle and temperature

**R22** - Yu.M. Andreev, A.N. Bykanov, A.I. Gribenyukov, V.V. Zuev, V.D. Karyshev, A.V. Kisletsov, I.O. Kovalev, V.I. Konov, G.P. Kuz'min, A.A. Nesterenko, A.E. Osorgin, Yu.M. Starodumov & N.I. Chapliev Inst.General Physics, Moscow

Conversion of pulsed laser radiation from the 9.3-9.6 mm range to the second harmonic in ZnGeP<sub>2</sub> crystals

Sov. J. Quantum Electron. **20** 410-414 (1990)

Russian Ref.: Kvantovaya Elektron. **17** 476-480 (April 1990)

SHG of CO<sub>2</sub>

PUMP CHARACTERISTICS: pulsed TEA CO<sub>2</sub> tunable 9.2-9.8  $\mu\text{m}$

110-120 ns spike with 1-1.1  $\mu\text{s}$  low intensity tail

CRYSTAL:

length mm	$\lambda$ $\mu\text{m}$	$\Theta_{\text{pm}}$	$\alpha$ $\text{cm}^{-1}$	1.4x1.4 cm cross section
4.6	9.3	64.4	0.8-3.0	
4.0	9.3	62.7	0.6-1.2	
	9.6	64.9		

best Russian crystals had  $\alpha(9\mu) = 0.5-0.4 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ;  $\alpha(4.5\mu) = 0.1-0.2 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

paper includes plots of efficiency vs. a, energy, energy density  
also plot of phase matching angle vs. temperature

**R23** - K.L. Vodopyanov, L.A. Kulevskii, V.G. Voevodin, A.I. Gribenyukov, K.R. Allakhverdiev, & T.A. Kerimov General Physics Inst., Moscow  
High efficiency middle IR parametric superradiance in ZnGeP<sub>2</sub> and GaSe crystals pumped by an erbium laser

Optics Communications **83** 322-326 (1991)

OPO

PUMP CHARACTERISTICS:

Er<sup>3+</sup>:YAG,  $\lambda = 2.94 \mu$   $\tau = 110 \text{ ps} \pm 10$ , 0.5-2 mJ, rep rate 1.2 Hz

Er<sup>3+</sup>:YSGG,  $\lambda = 2.79 \mu$

CRYSTALS:	Type I (o-ee)	Type II (o-eo)
Crystal orientation	$\Theta = 47^\circ$ , $\varphi = 0$	$\Theta = 84^\circ$ , $\varphi = 31^\circ$ (45°optimal)
Range of $\Theta$ variation	47-49.55°	76-90°
Tuning range achieved	4-10 $\mu$	5.2-5.6, 6.2-6.7 $\mu$
Crystal length	11 mm	42 mm
Damage threshold	6.5 GW/cm <sup>2</sup>	30 GW/cm <sup>2</sup>

**R24** - Yu.M. Andreev, P.P. Geiko & G.M. Krekov Tomsk Medicine Institute, Tomsk  
O.A. Romanovskii Inst. Atmospheric Optics, Tomsk

Detection of trace concentration of some simple pollutants in Tomsk

SPIE Vol. **1811** High-Resolution Molecular Spectroscopy pp. 367-370 (1991)

SHG, SFG of CO<sub>2</sub> also THG using TAS

**R25** - K.L. Vodopyanov, L.A. Kulevskii, A.I. Gribenyukov, and K.R. Allakhverdiev  
General Physics Inst., Moscow

High efficiency middle IR parametric superradiance in ZnGeP<sub>2</sub> and GaSe crystals pumped by an erbium laser

Journal de Physique IV: Colloque 7, supplement au Journal de Physique III,  
Vol. 1, Decembre 1991 pp. C7-391 - C7-394  
same as R23?

**R26** - A.A. Betin, V.G. Voevodin, K.V. Ergakov, A.V. Kirsanov & V.P. Novikov  
Inst. Applied Physics, Siberian Polytechnical Inst., Tomsk

Generator of infrared radiation at the second-harmonic frequency of a TEA CO<sub>2</sub> laser

Sov.J. Quantum Electron. **21** 735-738 (1991)

Russian Ref.: Kvantovaya Elektron. **18** 812-816 (July 1991)

SHG of CO<sub>2</sub>

PUMP CHARACTERISTICS: TEA CO<sub>2</sub> short peak 170-200 ns +  $\mu$ s tail  
maximum energy per pulse 3J

CRYSTAL:  $\alpha(\text{CO}_2) = 0.3\text{-}2 \text{ cm}^{-1}$





OPO pumped by  $\text{Er}^{3+}:\text{YAG}$  ( $2.94\mu\text{m}$ ) or  $\text{Er}^{3+}:\text{Cr}^{3+}:\text{YSGG}$  ( $2.79\mu\text{m}$ )

Property	Type I (o-ee)	Type II (o-eo)
Crystal orientation	$\theta = 47^\circ, \varphi = 0^\circ$	$\theta = 84^\circ, \varphi = 31^\circ$
Range of q variation	47-49.55 deg	76-90 deg
Tuning range on $\mu\text{m}$	4-10	5.2-5.6, 6.2-6.7
Crystal length in mm	12	42
Walk-off in mm	$0.14(\theta=48^\circ)$	$0.11(\theta=84^\circ)$
Effective length	12	19
OPG threshold $\text{GW}/\text{cm}^2$	0.5	0.35
$I_{\text{max}}$ used	6.5	30
Max. OPG quantum eff.	3%	17.6%
$I_{\text{damage}}$ $\text{GW}/\text{cm}^2$	6.5	30

**R30-** A.A. Barykin, S.V. Davydov, V.D. Dorokhov, V.P. Zakharov, & V.V. Butuzov  
 Samarskoe Science-Industrial Union for Automated Systems  
 Generation of the second harmonic of  $\text{CO}_2$  laser pulses in a  $\text{ZnGeP}_2$  crystal  
 Quantum Electronics **23**(8) 688-693 (August 1993)  
 Russian ref.: Kvantovaya Elektron. **20** 794-800 (August 1993)

SHG of  $\text{CO}_2$   
 CRYSTAL:  $12.5 \times 10.62 \times 7.2$  mm length  
 $9.3\text{-}9.6\mu\text{m}$  to  $4.6\text{-}4.8\mu\text{m}$

**R31 -** K.L. Vodop'yanov                      General Physics Inst., Moscow  
 Yu.A. Andreev                      Siberian State Medical University, Tomsk  
 G.C. Bhar                      Burdwan Univ., Burdwan, India  
 Parametric superluminescence in a  $\text{ZnGeP}_2$  crystal with temperature tuning and  
 pumping by an erbium laser                      Quantum Electronics  
**23**(9) 763-766 (Sept. 1993)  
 Russian ref.: Kvantovaya Elektron. **20** 879-882 (September 1993)

OPO

PUMP: Q-switched  $\text{Er}:\text{YSGG}$  laser,  $\lambda = 2.79\mu\text{m}$ , repetition rate 1.2 Hz  
 working energy reached 20 J  
 single pulse from resonator, 100 ps, energy 0.5-1 mJ  
 CRYSTAL: length 42 mm in direction of Type II phase matching  
 $\theta = 84^\circ$  and  $\varphi = 31^\circ$   
 by temperature tuning could reach  $5.3 - 5.9\mu\text{m}$   
 threshold energy density for superluminescence  $0.35\text{ GW}/\text{cm}^2$   
 working pump energy density  $5\text{-}10\text{ GW}/\text{cm}^2$  at superluminescence  
 efficiency of 10% and damage threshold of  $35\text{ GW}/\text{cm}^2$

**R32** - K.L. Vodopyanov

General Physics Inst., Moscow  
Imperial College, London

2.8  $\mu\text{m}$  Er-laser pumped nonlinear devices

pp.10-13 in **Technical Digest: EQEC'93-EQUAP'93**, Vol.I, Fienze, Italy,  
10-13 September 1993, edited by P. de Natale, R. Meucci, S. Pelli

OPO

PUMP: flashlamp pumped  $\text{Er}^{3+}:\text{Cr}^{3+}:\text{YSGG}$  @  $\lambda = 2.8\mu\text{m}$

Q-switched, single pulses  $100 \pm 10$  ps  $\text{TEM}_{00}$  mode, 0.5 mJ  
after amplification, 2-4 mJ

repetition rate 1-3 sec

when a passive InAs shutter was added, got 30-50 ps pulses

CRYSTAL: length 12 mm for angle tuning

for Type II interaction, length = 42 mm

OPO Type I tuning range 4-10  $\mu\text{m}$

Type II tuning range 5-6.3  $\mu\text{m}$ , quantum efficiency 18%

Travelling wave OPO threshold 0.35  $\text{GW}/\text{cm}^2$ , which is 100 times smaller than  
the optical damage threshold

**R33** - K.L. Vodopyanov

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Imperial College, London

2.8  $\mu\text{m}$  Er-laser-pumped non-linear devices

Leituvos fizikos zurnalas **33** (5-6) 301-304 (1993)

OPO

PUMP: mode-locked  $\text{Sr}:\text{Cr}:\text{YSGG}$  laser @  $\lambda = 2.8\mu\text{m}$

single pulses  $100 \pm 10$  ps,  $\text{TEM}_{00}$  mode, about 0.5 mJ

CRYSTALS:  $L = 11$  mm,  $\theta = 47^\circ$  for Type I phase matching and

$L = 42$  mm,  $\theta = 84^\circ$  for Type II phase matching

OPO Type II tuning covered 5-5.3  $\mu\text{m}$  (signal) and 5.9-6.3  $\mu\text{m}$  (idler)

with typical linewidth of  $10\text{-}20\text{ cm}^{-1}$

OPG threshold was as low as  $0.35\text{ GW}/\text{cm}^2$

surface damage threshold for 100 ps 2.8  $\mu\text{m}$  pulses was  
 $30\text{ GW}/\text{cm}^2$

Type I had broad OPG lines especially near degeneracy,  $1300\text{ cm}^{-1}$

at  $\lambda = 10\text{ }\mu\text{m}$  got linewidth of  $50\text{ cm}^{-1}$

4-10  $\mu\text{m}$  tuning was achieved with 1-2% efficiency

OPG threshold as low as  $0.25\text{ GW}/\text{cm}^2$  for 2.8  $\mu\text{m}$  pump

**R34** - Konstantin L. Vodopyanov

General Physics Inst., Moscow  
Imperial College, London

Wide tuning range OPG's pumped by short Er-laser pulses at  $\lambda = 2.8\text{ }\mu\text{m}$

**Advanced Solid State Lasers**, OSA Proceedings, Vol. **24**, Memphis, TN 30  
Jan-2 Feb 1995, 194-197, [1995 Technical Digest, Vol. 8, pp.340-342, WG3-1-3]

PUMP:  $\text{Er}^{3+}:\text{Cr}^{3+}:\text{YSGG}$  laser,  $\lambda = 2.8 \mu\text{m}$ , rep rate 3 Hz  
 with active mode locking,  $\tau = 90 \text{ ps}$ , with 0.7 mJ  
 with passive mode locking, 30-50 ps pulses,  
 after amplification 3-4 mJ energy per pulse  
 Travelling-wave Optical Parametric Generator(TOPG):  
 ZGP tuning range, 3.9-10  $\mu\text{m}$ , for both type I & II  
 OPG pump threshold, 0.25 GW/cm<sup>2</sup> for 11 mm long crystal  
 Type II had conversion efficiency up to 18% for MW peak power  
 with linewidth 30-40 cm<sup>-1</sup>  
 Type I broader linewidth especially near degeneracy point

**R35** - K.L. Vodopyanov Imperial College, London  
 V.G. Voevodin Siberian Physical-Technical Inst., Tomsk  
 Type I and II  $\text{ZnGeP}_2$  travelling-wave optical parametric generator tunable between  
 3.9 and 10  $\mu\text{m}$   
 Optics Communications **117** 277-282 (1995)

PUMP: mode locked  $\text{Er}^{3+}:\text{Cr}^{3+}:\text{YSGG}$  laser @  $\lambda = 2.8 \mu\text{m}$   
 pulse duration  $100 \pm 10 \text{ ps}$ , energy 2-3 mJ, rep rate 3 Hz  
 CRYSTAL: Type I (o $\rightarrow$ ee): L = 11 mm,  $\theta = 47^\circ$  -cut,  $\phi = 0^\circ$  (walk-off 0.13 mm)  
 Type II(o $\rightarrow$ eo): L = 30 & 17 mm,  $\theta = 63.5^\circ$ ,  $\phi = 31^\circ$   
 (walk-off 0.3 & 0.17 mm )  
 OPG: Type I tuning range\_ 3.9 - 10  $\mu\text{m}$   
 Type II tuning ranges\_ signal 6 - 10  $\mu\text{m}$ , idler 3.9 - 5.1  $\mu\text{m}$   
 OPG linewidths exp. & theor. given at various wavelengths  
 OPG thresholds for 2.8  $\mu\text{m}$  pump for various lengths given

**R36** - Yu.M. Andreev, V.V. Butuzov, G.A. Verozub, A.I. Gribenyukov,  
 S.V. Davydov, and V.P. Zakharov Samara State Research & Production  
 Association of Automatic Systems, Samara, Russia  
 Generation of the second harmonic of pulsed  $\text{CO}_2$ -laser radiation in  $\text{AgGaSe}_2$  and  
 $\text{ZnGeP}_2$  single crystals  
 Laser Physics **5**(5) 1014-1019 (1995)

SHG

PUMP CHARACTERISTICS:

pulsed electric discharge  $\text{CO}_2$  laser  
 output radiation energy 150 mJ  
 output aperture 6.8 mm  
 FWHM of leading spike  $\tau_1 \equiv \tau_{0.5} \sim 45 - 50 \text{ ns}$   
 with total pulse duration about 100 ns  
 maximum gain lines at  $\lambda = 9.3, 9.59, 10.26, 10.61 \mu\text{m}$

PUMP: Er<sup>3+</sup>:Cr<sup>3+</sup>:YSGG laser,  $\lambda = 2.8 \mu\text{m}$ , rep rate 3 Hz  
 with active mode locking,  $\tau = 90 \text{ ps}$ , with 0.7 mJ  
 with passive mode locking, 30-50 ps pulses,  
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 V.G. Voevodin Siberian Physical-Technical Inst., Tomsk  
 Type I and II ZnGeP<sub>2</sub> travelling-wave optical parametric generator tunable between  
 3.9 and 10  $\mu\text{m}$   
 Optics Communications **117** 277-282 (1995)

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 S.V. Davydov, and V.P. Zakharov Samara State Research & Production  
 Association of Automatic Systems, Samara, Russia  
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 ZnGeP<sub>2</sub> single crystals  
 Laser Physics **5**(5) 1014-1019 (1995)

SHG  
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 output radiation energy 150 mJ  
 output aperture 6.8 mm  
 FWHM of leading spike  $\tau_1 \int \tau_{0.5} \sim 45 - 50 \text{ ns}$   
 with total pulse duration about 100 ns  
 maximum gain lines at  $\lambda = 9.3, 9.59, 10.26, 10.61 \mu\text{m}$

# CRYSTALS:

No.	Thickness in mm	Area of face in mm <sup>2</sup>	Angle of shear plane of Xtal	Absorption at $\lambda_1$	Coefficient $\lambda_2$ in cm <sup>-1</sup>
1	12	10 x 15	75 deg	0.7	0.01
2	7.2	12.5 x 10.62	76	0.8	0.4
3	10.4	7.3 x 15	72	0.7	0.01

**R37** - Konstantin L. Vodopyanov and Chris C. Phillips

Imperial College, London

Travelling wave mid-IR ZnGeP<sub>2</sub> and GaSe optical parametric generators and their spectroscopic applications, pp.170-174 in **Solid State Lasers and Nonlinear Crystals**, 5-7 February 1995, San Jose, CA, edited by Gregory J. Quarles, Leon Esterowitz and L.K. Cheng, SPIE Proceedings Vol. 2379  
OPO

PUMP CHARACTERISTICS: Er<sup>3+</sup>:Cr<sup>3+</sup>: YSGG laser @  $\lambda = 2.79 \mu\text{m}$

pulse length  $\tau = 100 \pm 10$  ps, TEM<sub>00</sub>, rep rate 3 Hz

energy about 0.5 mJ, after passing through amplifier 2-4 mJ

CRYSTAL: absorption at pump wavelength,  $\alpha < 0.1 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

lengths: Type I, 11 mm; Type II, 42 and 30 m

tuning range 4-10  $\mu\text{m}$  for both I & II

typical quantum efficiency 1-2 %; for type II, near degeneracy, achieved 18%

QPG threshold intensity was 0.24-0.35 GW/cm<sup>2</sup>, a value 100 times smaller than the optical damage threshold

## SUMMARY OF RUSSIAN ZnGeP<sub>2</sub> NLO WORK

### SUM FREQUENCY GENERATOR (SFG)

Nd:YAG + CO <sub>2</sub>	1
CO + CO <sub>2</sub>	7,14,16,18, 20
4.3 + 10.4 $\mu$ m	11,14
CO <sub>2</sub> + CO <sub>2</sub>	13,17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 24

### SECOND HARMONIC GENERATOR (SHG)

CO <sub>2</sub>	2,6,9,12,13,14,16,17,18,19,20,21, 22,24,26,27,30,36
CO	3,8,17
4.3 $\mu$ m	11
DF	28

### FOURTH HARMONIC GENERATOR (FHG)

CO <sub>2</sub>	3,14,15,18,20,27
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### OPTICAL PARAMETRIC OSCILLATOR (OPO)

Er:YALO	4,5
Er:Cr:YSGG	11,23,25,29,31,32,33,34,35, 37
Er:YAG	23,25,29

## RECENT WESTERN WORK IN ZnGeP<sub>2</sub>

**C1** - P.A. Budni, K. Ezzo, P.G. Schunemann, S. Minnigh, J.C. McCarthy & T.M. Pollak, "2.8 micron pumped optical parametric oscillation in ZnGeP<sub>2</sub>", pp.334-338 in **Advanced Solid State Lasers**, Hilton Head, South Carolina, 18-20 March 1991, editors George Dube and Lloyd Chase, Optical Society of America Proceedings, Vol. 10

PUMP: methane Raman shifted Nd:YAG 1.06 $\mu$ m  $\Rightarrow$  2.8  $\mu$ m  
max SRS output 2.1 mj

CRYSTAL: 6x6x18 mm, faces cut normal to <102> direction  
 $\alpha(2.8\mu\text{m}) = 0.06 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $\alpha(5.6\mu\text{m}) < 0.02 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

OPO RESULTS: Type I phase matching. For Input, 2.1 mj, spot size 1.2 mm, 8-12 ns pulsewidth get peak power density up to 45 MW/cm<sup>2</sup>, 150  $\mu$ j per pulse, for an optical efficiency of 7%  
Threshold for OPO output, 18-20 MW/cm<sup>2</sup>

**C2** - Norman P. Barnes, "Tunable mid-infrared sources using second-order nonlinearities", International Journal of Nonlinear Optical Physics, 1, 639-672 (1991)

internal phase-matching angles vs wavelength for 1.73 & 2.10  $\mu$ m pumps, range of incident angles 63° for 1.73 $\mu$ m; 13° for 2.10 $\mu$ m

**C3** - P.A. Budni, P.G. Schunemann, M.G. Knights, T.M. Pollak & E.P. Chicklis, "Efficient, high average power optical parametric oscillator using ZnGeP<sub>2</sub>", pp. 380-383 in **Advanced Solid State Lasers**, Sante Fe, New Mexico, 17-19 February 1992, editors Lloyd L. Chase & Albert A. Pinto, OSA Proceedings, Vol. 13

PUMP: 2 $\mu$ m from diode pumped, repetitively Q-switched Tm,Ho:YLF oscillator amplified by tungsten-lamp pumped Er,Tm,Ho:YLF amplifier. At 77K, 40 W average power output, pulse repetition frequency (PRF) 1-90 kHz, FWHM pulsewidth 15-525 ns. A 2-pass pre-amplifier output is 10 W: with 2 single pass stages added, the total power output > 40 W

CRYSTAL: 6x6x12 mm, boule grown along [112],  $\alpha(2.05\mu\text{m})=0.26 \text{ cm}^{-1}$   
Type I phase matching,  $\theta = 55^\circ$ .

OPO RESULTS: Using 10 W input: rep rate 2.5 kHz, 23 ns pulsewidth, 28.5% slope efficiency; 4 kHz, 27 ns, 27.3%, highest overall efficiency, 18%; using 13 W input: 10 kHz, 28 ns, highest total power, 1.6 W  
Continuous tunability from 3.45 - 5.05  $\mu$ m.

**C4 - M. Knights & P. Budni, Tunable Mid-IR Laser Program**, Final Technical Report, WL-TR-92-5031, August 1992, Wright Laboratory, Solid State Electronics Directorate, WL/ELOS, Contract F33615-89-C-1059

OPO

PUMP: 2  $\mu\text{m}$  holmium YLF laser and amplifier, TEM<sub>00</sub> output average power of 44 Watts with pulsewidths of 25 ns @ 10 kHz  
Pump repetition rates of 2.5, 4, 10, 20 and 30 kHz had pump pulsewidths of 23, 27, 28, 60 and 97 nsecs respectively

CRYSTAL: type I phase matching,  $\theta = 55^\circ$ , 6 x 6 x 12 mm  
experimentally verified 2  $\mu\text{m}$  pumped phase matching curve over 3.45-5.05  $\mu\text{m}$  range energy slope conversion efficiency of 28.5% and overall conversion to 18% achieved @ 2.5 kHz; conversion efficiency of 27.3 % @ 4 kHz demonstrated high PRF operation: 2-30 kHz demonstrated 1.6 W average power @ 10 kHz for 13 W input: 1.4 W @ 20 kHz; 0.8 W @ 30 kHz

**C5 - M. Knights & P. Budni, Characterization of AgGaSe<sub>2</sub> and ZnGeP<sub>2</sub> OPO's Pumped with High Power 2 Micron Lasers**, Final Technical Report, WL-TR-93-5016, November 1992, Wright Laboratory, Solid State Electronics Directorate, WL/ELOS, Contract F33615-89-C-1059, modification P0007

OPO

PUMP: Cryogenically cooled, diode pumped Ho:YLF @ 2  $\mu\text{m}$   
3W CW or Q-switched @ 1.5 kHz with 18-nsec FWHM  
high power thermal effects used 20 W CW multimode tungsten pumped LN<sub>2</sub> oscillator

OPO RESULTS: absorption coefficient  $\alpha_o$  is temperature dependent.

$$\alpha_o(300^\circ\text{K}) = 2 \times \alpha_o(77^\circ\text{K})$$

$\alpha_e$  shows no change with temperature

beam diameter 0.57 mm 1/e<sup>2</sup> points

For high loss ZGP crystals ( $\alpha_o = 0.36\text{cm}^{-1}$ ), length 14.5 mm long

slope efficiency is 6% @ 300°K and 27% @ 77°K

with  $\alpha_o = 0.26\text{ cm}^{-1}$  crystal, slope efficiency is 37.5%

**C6 - P.G. Schunemann, P.A. Budni, M.G. Knights, T.M. Pollak, E.P. Chicklis, & C.L. Marquardt, "Recent advances in ZnGeP<sub>2</sub> mid-IR optical parametric oscillators", 131-133, Advanced Solid-State Lasers / Compact Blue-Green Lasers, New Orleans, Louisiana, 1-4 February 1993, Optical Society of America 1993 Technical Digest Series Vol.2; pp. 166-168 in OSA Proceedings on Advanced Solid-State Lasers, Vol 15, A.A. Pinto and T.Y. Fan, ed., (Optical Society of America, Washington, DC 1993)**

OPO

PUMP LASER: diode pumped A/O Q-switched Tm:Ho:YLF @ 77 K

$\lambda = 2.05\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ , TEM<sub>00</sub> mode, linearly polarized,

pulse width  $18 \pm 1\text{ nsec}$  (FWHM)

rep rate 1500 Hz, 1/e<sup>2</sup> diameter = 0.57 mm at center of Xtal



CRYSTALS: 6x6x11 mm<sup>3</sup> & 4.5X4.5x14.6 mm<sup>3</sup>

Orientation  $\Theta = 55^\circ$  for Type I phasematch @ 2.05  $\mu\text{m}$  pump

Absorption coefficients @ 2.05  $\mu\text{m}$  : ( $\alpha_o=0.26$ ;  $\alpha_e=0.58$ ) cm<sup>-1</sup> &

( $\alpha_o=0.38$ ;  $\alpha_e=0.77$ ) cm<sup>-1</sup> respectively @ RT

In situ: high loss crystal @ 2.05  $\mu\text{m}$  measured

$\alpha_o=0.36\pm0.01$  cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $\alpha_e = 0.78\pm0.01$  cm<sup>-1</sup> @ RT;

$\alpha_o=0.17\pm0.01$  cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $\alpha_e = 0.77\pm0.01$  cm<sup>-1</sup> @ LNT

AR Coatings: each 2.05  $\mu\text{m}$  & 3.5-5.0  $\mu\text{m}$

Laser damage threshold: > 1.2 J/cm<sup>2</sup>

OPO RESULTS: Collinearly pumped & doubly resonant

Low loss Xtal @ RT: total power conversion efficiency = 26%

with 679 mW threshold, 37% slope

maximum sustained power output: 585 mW @ pump

fluence  $\approx 1.2$  J/cm<sup>2</sup>

High loss Xtal : @ RT, threshold was 520 mW and slope  $\approx 6\%$

@LNT, threshold  $\approx 400$  mW and slope efficiency  $\approx 25\%$  after

realignment at LNT, threshold was 295 mW and slope efficiency

was 27%. Pumping with 2.3 W obtained OPO output of 552 mW,

an absolute power conversion efficiency of 24%

**C7** - M.G. Knights, P.A. Budni, P.G. Schunemann, T.M. Pollak, & E.P.

Chicklis, "Multi-watt mid-IR optical parametric oscillator using ZnGeP<sub>2</sub>", 259-261,

OSA Topical Meeting on **Advanced Solid State Lasers**, Salt Lake City, UT, 7-10

Feb 1994, OSA 1994 Technical Digest Vol.20

OPO

PUMP LASER: Q-switched Tm,Ho:YLF @2.06 $\mu\text{m}$  + single-pass rod

amplifier capable of 9 W, 6.5 W incident on OPO corresponding to 1.6

mJ/pulse @ 4 KHz. Focussed to beam waist of 600  $\mu\text{m}$ , this yielded

1.15 J/cm<sup>2</sup> or 144 MW/cm<sup>2</sup> in 8 nsec.

CRYSTAL: 6x6x11 mm,  $\Theta = 55^\circ$ ,  $\alpha_o(2.05\mu\text{m}) = 0.26$  cm<sup>-1</sup>

OPO RESULTS: Doubly resonant oscillator with double degeneracy point at  
4.1  $\mu\text{m}$ .

Highest average power achieved was 2.66 W with conversion  
efficiency of 40%. [3.3 W output shown at meeting].

Highest conversion efficiency was 46% @ 4.65 W drive level.

First 4 data points yield a slope efficiency of  $\approx 65\%$  which extrapolates to a  
threshold of 1.32 W pump input.

**C8** - C.L. Marquardt, W.T. Whitney, B.J. Feldman, G.C. Catella, D.S. Burlage,  
M.G. Knights, P.A. Budni, & P.G. Schunemann, "Thermal effects in zinc  
germanium phosphide optical parametric oscillators", 201, **CLEO'94, Summaries  
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Anaheim, CA, 8-13 May 1994, Optical Society of America 1994 Technical Digest  
Series Vol. 8

**C9** - P.D. Mason, D.J. Jackson & E.K. Gorton

CO<sub>2</sub> laser frequency doubling in ZnGeP<sub>2</sub>

Optics Comm. **110** 163-166 (1994)

Erratum Optics Comm. **114** 529 (1995)

SHG

PUMP: TEA CO<sub>2</sub> laser. single axial mode, 9P(20) transition,  $\lambda = 9.55 \mu\text{m}$ .

Typical peak power 14 kW, pulse duration 240 ns (FWHM)

CRYSTAL: 7.7x7.5 mm aperture, 1 cm long, cut 70° to c-axis

$\alpha(9.6 \mu\text{m}) = 0.56 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $\alpha(4.8 \mu\text{m}) = 0.155 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

RESULTS: For 9.55  $\mu\text{m}$ , phase match angle 67.7°

Maximum peak conversion efficiency was 8.1% for a pump internal intensity of 30 MW/cm<sup>2</sup> and energy density 18 J/cm<sup>2</sup>

**C10** - Norman P. Barnes, Keith E. Murray, Mehendra G. Jani, & Thomas M. Pollak, WG5-1-3, 346-349, "ZnGeP<sub>2</sub> parametric amplifier", **Technical Digest- Advanced Solid State Lasers**, Memphis TN, 30 Jan- 2 Feb 1995, Optical Society of America  
OPA

PUMP: Ho:Tm:Er:YLF @ 2.06  $\mu\text{m}$ , pulse length  $\approx 50 \text{ ns}$ , 30 mJ

CRYSTAL: 9 mm long

SIGNAL: 3.39  $\mu\text{m}$  from HeNe was absorbed in ZGP yielding gain of  $\approx 0.7$   
single pass, small signal gain was 10 for 2.064  $\mu\text{m}$

**C11** - J.M. Auerhammer, A.F.G. van der Meer, & P. W. van Amersfoort, "Efficient frequency doubling of picosecond pulses of a free-electron laser in ZnGeP<sub>2</sub>", Paper CTul20, CLEO/QELS 95, Baltimore, MD, 23 May 1995, CLEO'95, Vol. 15, 1995 Technical Digest Series OSA, P.99, (p.87 Advance Program)

SHG

PUMP: free-electron laser, FELIX,  $\lambda = 5.5\text{-}9.0 \mu\text{m}$ , high-power, short-pulse  
external efficiencies 49% - 15%

At  $\lambda = 7.8 \mu\text{m}$ , generated 14 mW of SHG average power, 0.8 MW peak power, pulse energy 0.8  $\mu\text{J}$ .

CRYSTAL: 7 mm long, Type I phase matching

**C12** - J.M. Auerhammer, A.F.G. van der Meer, P.W. van-Amersfoort, Q.H.F. Vreken & E.R. Eliel, "Efficient frequency doubling of ps-pulses from a free-electron laser in ZnGeP<sub>2</sub>", Optics Communications, **118** 85-89 (1995)

PUMP: FELIX (free electron laser for infrared experiments), p-polarized, 5-110  $\mu\text{m}$ , 1 ps pulses at 1 GHz rep rate contained inside 'macropulse' typically 5  $\mu\text{s}$  repeated every 200 ms. Average power of laser 10-100 mW. Experiments done at  $\lambda = 5.5, 6.3, 7.8, 8.3 \text{ \& } 9.0 \mu\text{m}$ . Measured external conversion efficiencies  $\eta_{\text{ext}}$  are respectively: 0.48, 0.46, 0.36, 0.29 & 0.12, for 1 MW incident power.

CRYSTAL: 7 mm long, Type I phase matching

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